**UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Attorney Docket No.: 15499.468.1****COMBINED DECLARATION and POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**FOR UTILITY or DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

BASKETBALL RIM ASSEMBLY

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification of which was previously filed on March 17, 2004 as United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/802,433.

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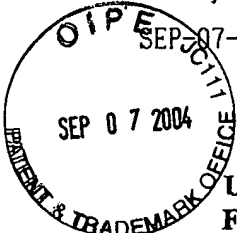
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration, referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information that becomes available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

**U.S. PRIORITY CLAIM**  
**(35 USC § 120)**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America listed below, if any, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of title 35 USC § 112, I acknowledge duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international application filing date of this application.

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**PROVISIONAL APPLICATION CLAIM**  
(35 USC § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 119(c) of any United States Provisional application listed below, if any.

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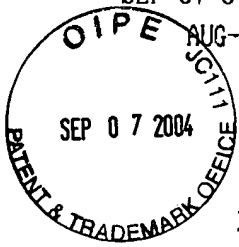
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